

In regards to the prospective elimination of Morse Code Requirements in Ham Radio Testing...

- You wish Amateur Radio to be a mode of emergency communication involving those who have the appropriate equipment to use whenever they're needed

- CW is one thing that stands Ham radio apart from other hobbies-it is unique and presents a fun departure from the norm

- CW is the mode that comes first to mind when only low power options are available (such as from alkaline batteries) and equipment is unsophisticated and easy to build.

- If you teach prospective enthusiasts about electronics and electronics circuits, CW operations require the most practical and worthwhile building application.

- Low power SSB operation is futile in most cases. CW will always get through noise buildup because it doesn't require a receiving party to listen exactly on the transmitting frequency. SSB and other voice modes require perfect conditions and both parties to occupy the exact same frequency.

- Digital modes work well in the aforementioned circumstances, but require a sophisticated power-hungry setup.

- If you eliminate the Morse code requirement, you not only drive away the unique and differentiating aspect of amateur radio, but also eliminate the quintessential knowledge base for passing quick error-free emergency reports with very unsophisticated apparatuses.

"If It Isn't Controlled CW Its Chaotic CB"

Thanks and best regards,

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